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TARC November SITREP

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I appreciate you for taking the time and effort to review and enjoy this TARC newsletter, and all of the TARC newsletters over the past couple of years. It's been my pleasure and honor to have compiled and published the last 24 of these monthly publications during my time as TARC President for 2024 and 2025, but now it's time to turn over the gavel to others as the club continues to move forward into the future.

It's been a very challenging, frustrating, rewarding, difficult, heartwarming, painful and enjoyable time. (Yes, all of those things at various times, and some of them all at once.) I hope that makes sense, because it's what I feel looking back over the last two years. I recognize that you can't please everyone all the time, but I have tried my utmost to honor the Titusville Amateur Radio Club and do everything possible to continue our honored tradition of supporting the amateur radio community in Brevard county.

There are too many people to thank for their kind assistance and contributions over the last two years, but I'd be remiss if I didn't address those who have gone above and beyond the call of duty

and have helped keep me at least within an arm's reach of my sanity during some of the inevitable difficult times.

I'd specifically like to thank Jan and Sherry Ferguson for their lifetime of dedication to our club and to our radio hobby. The Titusville Amateur Radio Club literally would not have existed without your tireless efforts and tenacious support of Ham Radio.

I would also like to recognize and applaud the many contributions of Tom and Sally Fuller for their ongoing support of the club. Their hospitality in hosting of many of our events at their home and on their property has provided a base of operations, much needed storage space, and they have personally provided a wealth of knowledge and technical capabilities when it comes to making things happen. They have stepped up and done a great deal of work and sacrifice over the years, and I want to publicly thank them that their hard work is greatly appreciated.

I know it seems that I am targeting the husband/wife teams within our group, and my next couple will be no exception to the rule. Barry and Diane Kennedy are an-

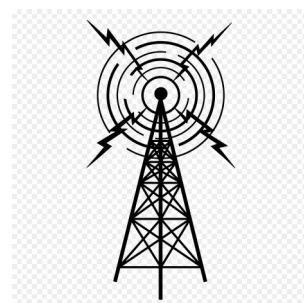
other dynamic duo that have risen to the occasion when called upon. While many of their worthy efforts have been behind the scenes, now is the time when you will see them step up and take charge and help bring us into a new era of growth, opportunity and expansion. I'm looking forward to see what is coming in the new year with great anticipation.

But now I must turn our focus onto the husband/wife team that truly exemplifies what amazing things that selfless devotion and true commitment to our organization can bring forth. My deep respect and sincere thanks are reserved for Roy and Stephanie Merritt, for not only their truly amazing generosity of time and resources to TARC, but for their kind and loving friendship which has sustained me personally over some very personally difficult days. I can never thank them enough for what they've done for the club, and for me. Words can't express the deep respect and admiration I have for them for all they've done over the last few years and continue to do. Thank you Roy & Stephanie, very, very much.

I'd also like to recognize and applaud the efforts, the time,

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the many tasty snacks, the much needed hugs, and the ongoing patience of my wonderful wife, Lisa Fee. She has been the anchor that has held fast during many a storm and has encouraged me when I needed it, and always kept me on course. I love her very, very much. I literally could not have done this without her.

Of course, there are MANY, MANY more folks to thank, and so many acts of generosity, kindness and giving to the club and to amateur radio that I could just go on forever and ever. In small ways and in big ways, we all can find ways to contribute, participate, and move our club for-

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ward into the future. That's what it's all about.

If I can leave you all with one thought that sums up my time as TARC President, it's this:

Any group or organization that you choose to belong to is a manifestation of the desires, efforts and energy of the members of the group itself. If you want to enjoy a group more, make a concerted effort to reach out and actively put more of yourself into it. When all members actively contribute ideas, skills, and effort, the group gains diverse perspectives, stronger creativity, and more effective goal-setting and problem-solving. Full participation fosters mutual accountability, builds trust, and helps ensure that no single person or small group of people carries the majority of the burden. Higher levels of active participation accelerates progress, enhances decision quality, and creates a fun, supportive environment where individual growth strengthens the club, leading to better outcomes and lasting friendships. These are the things that I have tried to do during my time as President of TARC and I hope that focus will carry on into the future.

We have some amazing talent and capability within our club, and my sincere wish is that we all continue to actively work together for the advancement of our club, of our hobby and for the betterment of the amateur radio community. Thank you all for your ongoing support and contributions to the Titusville Amateur Radio Club.

The future of TARC is what we make of it.

73



Paul – N6PDF

TARC President 2024-2025



DIXIE CROSSROADS

TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday, December 11th @ 6:00 PM
Dixie Crossroads Restaurant – Party Room
1475 Garden Street, Titusville, FL 32796

Enjoy great food, laughter, and holiday cheer!

Bring canned food for donation to help local families this season.

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TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

WINTER FIELD DAY 2026

JANUARY 24TH & 25TH

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Meeting Minutes 11/25/2025
Titusville Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting
Masonic Lodge, 19N Washington Ave., Titusville, FL

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President, N6PDF, welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; and Vice President, KN4AQJ, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees Introduced themselves, and it was determined that we had a quorum. A Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes for 10/28/2025, as printed in the club newsletter, was seconded and unanimously approved. Treasurer: Steve, NA4SA: was not in attendance due to out of town travel, therefore no Treasurer's report at this meeting.

The following Business was discussed:

The 501 (c) (3) application has been completed as of October 1, 2025.

Upcoming Club Christmas Party, December 11, at 6pm, at Dixie Crossroads, Stephanie, K4MVO, has the \$1.00 Reservation Tickets, You pay for your own meal, and you order from their menu.

We will have Gift Exchange/ 'Chinese Auction', no more than \$20, Guys bring 'boy' gifts, and Gals bring 'girl' gifts, We will collect canned goods/non-perishable food for area food banks,

And new this year we will be collecting for another not-for-profit: the Space Coast Feline Network:

Mike, KC4JEM, mentioned that the Space Coast Feline Network's President and his wife will be attending, and will be accepting both monetary and food donations. They need funds to pay for medical expenses, i.e., spaying and neutering. Dave, AD6Q, mentioned that he and his wife had adopted a kitten from this organization back in June, and both the kitten and the organization are great, and he was impressed.

Greg Hand, KK4LWB, gave a thorough presentation on our upcoming participation in Winter Field Day.

It will be at Tom, KN4GLO, and Sally's, KN4HPX, QTH, in Mims.

He had a sign-up for volunteers. He wants to invite STEM students from area schools, and activities for them,

We will offer to conduct FCC Licensing exams, Barry, N4NMF, Stephanie, K4MVO, and Paul, N6PDF volunteered as examiners.

Has reached out to other clubs, We will have six stations, one of which will be a 'Get-On-The-Air' type of station, to encourage newcomers and non-hams to participate. We plan on having a Bonfire and Jam Session, around 5 or 6 pm on the Friday evening prior to contest. The contest ends on Sunday at 5pm, so we plan on doing the final clean-up on the following Monday. Paul, N6PDF, mentioned that last's year's effort we scored 12400 points.

He asked for Motions for funds to be set aside for the following expenses were unanimously approved:

Food and drink: not to exceed \$300.00; Ethanol 3 fuel for the generators: not to exceed \$100.00;

Winter Field Day Signage (which may not be needed) \$100.00.

After a short break, Mike, KC4JEM, gave us a great explanation/lesson on the Logging Software we plan on using during the contest: N3FJP; and that we will be K4KSC 6-M-SFL. He also mentioned that we need new covers for our headsets in our trailer, and Paul, N6PDF, stated that they are available on Amazon. Mike, KC4JEM, mentioned that if you decide to bring your own headsets, be sure the connectors are compatible with our equipment.

President Paul, N6PDF, introduced Diane Kennedy, N4DCK, our Incoming President, who mentioned that although she has been a licensed ham for over 31 years, her expertise is in business, updated us on our new 'official' 501 (c) (3), thanks those who were instrumental in the process, and introduced the Executives and Director for 2026: President Diane Kennedy, N4DCK, VP Keith Desoto, KN4AQJ, Secretary, Greg Hand, KK4LWB, Treasurer Steve Schindler, NA4SA, and Director Roy Merritt, N4RKM. Diane noted that in the 34 years of TARC's history, she will be the first woman to serve as President of our organization, which received an applause from our membership. She also mentioned that although the faces have changed our mission is the same, the process is the same, the group is the same, and everything is the same, and she asked if anyone had question. Paul, N6PDF, asked for additional business, comments, questions or requests from attendees,

Stephanie, K4MVO, asked if there was any interest in purchasing a table at the upcoming Orlando HamCation, and although several members stated they planned on attending, but there was no interest in purchasing a table.

Diane, N4DCK, had 4 desks, bookcases and dual 23" monitors with HDMI and stands available.

Dave, KY4F, has 2 remote antenna switches available. Good for lightning protection. Contact him for details.

Roy, N4RKM, has a new DIY project that hopefully will give him azimuth and elevation ability for satellite work.

Paul, N6PDF, mentioned building a homebrew 23 cm antenna, maybe for upcoming contest.

Kenny, KD4HNW, mentioned that he and Nan, KJ4ZZZ, will be returning to Alabama for Christmas, and he invited us for some Gospel Singing at Vista Terrace at 1:30 pm, on Wednesday.

Paul, N6PDF, mentioned that recent roof repair has taken him off the air, but is currently restoring UHF and VHF capability.

Mike, KC4JEM, mentioned a \$5.00, StarLink residential service/plan, for emergency back-up.

Barry mentioned our Weekly Nets, and Eyeball QSO at Beef 'O Brady's on Thursdays.

Keith asked about interest in Thursday net on Thanksgiving.

Our Meeting Adjourned, 8:15 pm.

Door Prizes donated by AA4HP Radio Sport Club, Inc.
AA4HP Radio Sport Club, Inc. 50/50 Raffle, proceeds to be donated to TARC:
Winner Name/Callsign: N4RKM, for the Amount of \$20.

Respectfully submitted by
TARC Secretary, Stephanie Merritt, K4MVO

Weekly On-the-Air Nets

Name	Frequency	Day	Time	Net Control
2 Meter SSB Net	144.210 MHz USB	Monday	7:00 PM	George WG4ES
Skywarn Net	146.970 MHz	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Barry N4NMF
Mosquito Net	28.333 MHz USB	Wednesday	7:00 PM	George WG4ES
Friendship/Traders Net	146.970 MHz	Thursday	7:00 PM	Keith KN4AQJ